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LANDMARK REPORT of Bowling Green & Warren County

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THE LANDMARK REPORT

With this first issue of the Landmark Report, the Landmark Association staff would like to present a new format to the monthly newsletter. We hope that the new format will supplement and enhance the monthly meetings by keeping the general membership informed of various activities concerning historic preservation and economic revitalization of Bowling Green and Warren County. Other organizations in the area whose interests relate to that of the Landmark Association include the Arts Commission, BRADD, the Chestnut Park Corporation, the Downtown Business Association, the Department of Folk and Intercultural Studies at Western Kentucky University, the Kentucky Museum and Library and the Warren County Historical Society. The Landmark Report will keep the membership informed of the activities of these organizations as well as those of the Landmark Association. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please contact our office at 781-8106.

LANDMARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Landmark Association would like to welcome JOHN MATHENEY to the Landmark Association Board of Directors.

CNB LOAN PROGRAM

Citizens National Bank announced a new loan program on February 26, 1981. The Citizens Historic Preservation Program will encourage the development and revitalization of historic properties in the downtown area. This program, in conjunction with the Landmark Association, will provide individuals, groups or corporations with lower interest loans for the purchase and restoration of historic properties.

NEW DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES

The Landmark Association would like to welcome the following new businesses to the downtown area: Windstone Farms (formerly the Parakeet), Pappagallo Shop, Two by Two, Nugget Shoppe II, Nationwide Insurance and Jean Thomason Realty (all in the Nahm Building 422 East Main Street).

LANDMARK ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Romanza Johnson has completed plans for the Landmark Association Annual Meeting for Friday evening, May 29, 1981. All members and their guests are invited to the Capitol Theater for appetizers and a tour between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. A candlelight dinner will follow at the new Ambrosia Restaurant on College Street. The business meeting and installation of new officers will follow the dinner.

Reservations for the Landmark Association Annual Meeting are \$7.00 per person. Please complete the attached reservation form and mail with your check to the Landmark Association office by May 22, 1981. We are looking forward to your participation.

LANDMARK ASSOCIATION APRIL MEETING

The Landmark Association meeting for April will be held at the Bowling Green Public Library on Monday, April 27, 1981 at 7:30 p.m.

The program, "Carrie Taylor: Kentucky Modiste", will be given by Dr. Sally Russell-Clark. This presentation concerns the life of Carrie Taylor, the importance of her business to the area and her costumes now in the collection of the Kentucky Museum.

After the meeting, a tour will be given at the home of David and Susan Hyde, 1303 State Street.

ST. JOSEPH'S DISTRICT STUDY

Lori Ann Frye, a graduate student in the Department of Folklore and Intercultural Studies at Western Kentucky University, has received a Graduate Student Research Grant to illustrate the role of the folklorist in historic preservation by examining the relationship between architecture and community history. The research will identify the historical factors which played a role in the development of the St. Joseph's Historic District. Documentation will include photography, library research, taped interviews and Kentucky Historic Resources Inventory forms. The architectural information will be correlated with the historical development of the neighborhood and the resulting report will be placed in Western's Folklore, Folklife and Oral History Archives. An additional copy will be given to the Landmark Association.

DOWNTOWN AREA PROJECTS

Several projects have recently started on the downtown square. New construction has begun on the Elks Building at the corner of College and Main streets. American National Bank has also begun construction of their expansion on State Street. Other buildings being restored by their owners are the Barr Building on East Main, the Settle Building and Lois-Glyn Building, both on State Street and the James R. Meany project involving the Ackerman, Daughtry and Nolan Buildings on College Street.

TAX REFORM ACT MEETING

The Landmark staff, Kentucky Heritage Commission staff and several downtown landowners and businesspersons met to discuss the 1976 Tax Reform Act on March 25, 1981. The Heritage Commission represented by Anne Thompson (State Historic Preservation Officer), Bill Hearn and David Morgan, explained the guidelines and procedures of certification in relation to projects now underway in downtown. The meeting was also attended by John Crouch, Mr. and Mrs. Faxon, Pat Fisher, Alma Hall, Pete Mahurin, John Perkins, David Rabold, Ron Shrewsbury and Charles Stewart. The Heritage Commission was given a tour of downtown and visited several of the projects now under construction.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The Fountain Square Mall Association has been in the process of reorganization for the past several weeks. The following officers were elected at the April 14, 1981 meeting: David Faxon (President), Alma Hall (1st V-P), Ken Johnson (2nd V-P), David Rabold (Treasurer), and Melissa McDonough (Secretary). Additional Board members will be named by the new officers at a future date. The association was also renamed the Downtown Business Association.

The purposes of the organization are to provide a unified business voice in promoting and marketing the downtown area, to encourage new business development and to assist merchants and property owners in maintaining a healthy retail and business environment. All downtown area business owners, property owners, professional offices and residents are encouraged to participate. For further information contact David Faxon at 842-9474.

The Chestnut Park Corporation was formed in 1976 by neighborhood residents to preserve the interior property bounded by the residential properties on Chestnut Street, 13th Avenue, Park Street and 14th Avenue. The objective of this organization is to preserve this area in its natural state to serve as a wildlife shelter and a recreational area for neighborhood children.


The corporation's annual business meeting was held at the home of Drucilla Jones on April 3, 1981. The following Board of Directors was re-elected for 1981-1982: Henry Baird (President), L.R. Duncan (Vice-President), Jane Morningstar (Secretary), Drucilla Jones (Treasurer), Riley Handy (Agent), Tom Coohill, Norman Hunter and Harry Jackson.

The organization's annual picnic will take place on Monday, May 25, 1981 at 4:00 p.m. L.R. Duncan and Drucilla Jones have donated their backyards at 1328 and 1322 Chestnut for the event. Contact Cathy Hewitt (842-4183) for further information.

The Landmark Report is the official newsletter of the Landmark Association of Bowling Green and Warren County, Inc., published on a monthly basis.


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April 27: Landmark Meeting Bowling Green Public Library
7:30 p.m.

May: Preservation Month in Kentucky

May 9: Old Building Workshop Lexington, Kentucky

May 10-16: National Historic Preservation Week

May 12: Downtown Business Association Meeting
Citizens National Bank 8:00 a.m.

May 17: Smiths Grove Woman's Club 75th Anniversary

May 25: Chestnut Park Corporation Annual Picnic
1328 and 1322 Chestnut Street 4:00 p.m.

May 29: LANDMARK ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

June 6: Historical Confederation of Kentucky Conference
Paducah, Kentucky 9:30 a.m.

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